



Welcome to the Town of Stephens City



Stephens City, Virginia, is a small town located in the lower Shenandoah Valley, south of Winchester in Frederick County. Stephens City was founded in 1758 as the second oldest town in the Shenandoah Valley and was originally settled primarily by individuals of Scottish, Irish, and German ancestry. In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, Stephens City, then known as Newtown, became prosperous as a crossroads village with a variety of small-scale crafts and industries, but featuring production of the renowned Newtown wagon. This prosperity peaked in the 1840s. With the ravages and disruptions brought on by the town's location in the midst of conflict during the Civil War, and with subsequent nationally-scaled changes in transportation, industry, and agriculture, Stephens City suffered. Old industries declined and disappeared. By the late nineteenth century, however, regional prosperity reemerged, and Stephens City found its place serving the local industrial base.

Stephens City is remarkable because it has retained its small-town character over two centuries of development and change. Change in Stephens City has been small-scaled and accumulative. As a result, the town has a very high degree of historical integrity.



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The Newtown Festival is being held

May 24 & 25, 2003

**For more information call the
town office at
(540) 869-3087**

Newtown Heritage Festival

This year's commemorative is a collector's plate made by the Granville Hollow Pottery Company with limited run of 250. The cost of the collector's plate will be \$25.00 each and have arrived. They may be picked up at the Town Office.

The purpose of the Newtown Heritage Festival, Inc., is to provide a forum for the citizens of the Town of Stephens City, Virginia, to celebrate, study and encounter the heritage and history of the Town; to provide an educational experience for the residents and nonresidents alike as to the rich history of the Town and the role the Town has played in forging both the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, May 21, 2003 - Friday, May 23, 2003

Carnival: 6-10 p.m.

Saturday, May 24, 2003

8:00 a.m. 8th Annual Apple Crate Derby at Town Office at 1033 Locust Street.

10:00 a.m. Carnival opens with Sonny Randle - track, basketball, and outstanding football player.

10:00 a.m. Crafts - shop at the booths of craft vendors on the grounds of the Newtown Commons.

10:00 a.m. Wagon and Tractor Rally - view vintage wagons and antique tractors on Newtown Commons.

10:00 a.m. Helicopter Rides and Hayrides

10:00 a.m. Museums - Stone House Foundation, Argenbright House & Shed, and Steele & Brothers Store.

10:00 a.m. Stroll down Main Street visit artisans showcasing traditional crafts.

2:00 p.m. Parade featuring Sonny Randle, antique cars, floats, and high-stepping majorettes.

5:30 p.m. Ronnie Dove Show

7:30 p.m. Ronnie Dove Show

Sunday, May 25, 2003

12:00 p.m. Carnival

12:00 p.m. Museums - Stone House Foundation, Argenbright House & Shed, and Steele & Brothers Store.

12:00 p.m. Helicopter Rides and Hayrides

12:00 p.m. Crafts - shop at the booths of craft vendors on the grounds of the Newtown Commons.

1:00 p.m. Redland Praise Team at Newtown Commons

2:00 p.m. Lion of Judah at Newtown Commons

3:00 p.m. All 4 Hym at Newtown Commons

4:00 p.m. Gospel Keys at Newtown Commons

Stephens City Government & Governmental Issues

Public Hearings, Notices, and Agendas Budget and Budget Process Historic Preservation
Commission Planning Commission Tree Commission Zoning Peter B. Stickley
Foundation

How The Town Government Works

Our form of municipal government involves an elected municipal council, which serves as the legislative body, and a separately elected mayor, who has executive and administrative responsibilities in addition to serving as a member of the council and as its presiding officer.

The "strong mayor" variant gives the mayor extensive appointive and administrative authority and much of the responsibility for policy initiative, thereby facilitating executive leadership. Administrative positions are filled mainly either by council appointments or by direct election.

Stephens City Town Council

Members of the Stephens City Council are elected at large for four-year terms, as is the mayor. Elections are held in even-numbered years and are staggered so that all members of council are not up for election at the same time.

Mayor

Ray E. Ewing was first elected in 1994 and was re-elected in 1998. The mayor's term expires June 30, 2006.

Town Council Members

Joy B Shull began her service on Town Council in 1980. She was last elected in 1996 and 2000. Her term expires June 30, 2004. Joy is Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee and member of the Finance Committee.

Ronald L. Bowers was appointed to Town Council in 1990 to fill an unexpired term. He was elected in 1992 and reelected in 1996 and 2000. His term expires June 30, 2004. Ronald is Chairman of Public Safety Committee and President of the Newtown Heritage Festival.

Bill M. Ewing was first elected to Town Council in 1988, last reelected in 2000. His term expires June 30, 2004. Bill is Chairman of Finance Committee, member of the Water and Sewer Committee, and President of the Peter B. Stickley Foundation.

Mark A. Fleet was first elected to Town Council May 5, 1998. His term expires June 30, 2006. Mark is Chairman of the Personnel Committee and member of Finance Committee.

Michael P. Grim was first elected to Town Council May 5, 1998. His term expires June 30, 2006. Michael is Chairman of the Public Works Committee and member of the Personnel Committee.

Linden "Butch" Fravel, Jr. was first elected to Town Council in 1980 and last reelected in 1998. His term expires June 30, 2006. Butch is Chairman of the Stephens City Planning Commission and a member of the Public Safety and Public Works Committees.

Town Staff

Michael K. Kehoe, Town Administrator hired to current position on July 13, 1981.

Joyce E. Zalar, Town Clerk was hired as Clerk Typist on September 23, 1993 and was appointed as Town Clerk to replace Joyce Blevins on July 1, 1999.

Sherri K. Jackson was appointed as Town Treasurer on September 5, 1996.

David D. Denny was hired as Maintenance on July 6, 1987.

Police Department

The Stephens City Police Department consists of three full-time and two auxiliary officers. The department patrols two square miles and serves a population of 1,200 people.

Gilbert D. Barrington, Chief of Police hired May 28, 1996.

Officer Sherwood "Woody" Simmers hired February 2, 1997.

Officer Charles "Charlie" Bockey hired April 5, 1999.

Stephens City Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is set up to advise the local governing body in matters pertaining to land use planning and development. The Planning Commission's advise is based upon policies concerning future growth and change established by the community. The governing body and local citizens may articulate goals for the community and advance ideas for achieving them. These goals represent ideas about the future of the community.

Planning Commission meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Members

Linden A. Fravel, Jr.

Sue Ann Teal

Joseph E. Grayson

Walter Quinn

R. K. Shirley

Chris Nellis

Joseph Hollis

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission is set up to promote the education and the cultural, economic, and general welfare of the town. The Town Council deems it essential that the qualities relating to the history of the town be preserved.

Historic Preservation Commission meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month

at 7:30 p.m.

Members

F. Allen Barley

Christopher Nellis

James Fleming

Alice Schaaf

David Edwards

Budget Adoption Process and Current Budget for Stephens City

The Budget Adoption Process and Calendar

The budget process begins in January with the Mayor and Town Administrator reviewing the current year expenditure levels in relation to the total current budget. Also, at this time departments are asked to submit request for the next fiscal year budget, i.e. Police Department, Administrative and Planning. The Mayor and Staff compiles revenue estimates by the end of February. An opportunity for citizen input is made available at the March Council meeting prior to the formulation of the preliminary budget. The preliminary budget is submitted to the finance committee for consideration at its meeting. The Finance Committee will report the recommended budget to the Council. Adoption of the next fiscal year budget will follow the official public hearing scheduled for May 6, 2003.

Budget Amendment Process

The budget can be amended through out the fiscal year in the following manner:

- The Finance Committee may approve unlimited line transfers within a budget category
- Transfer between budget category must be recommended by the Finance Committee for approval by the Council
- Supplemental appropriations of funds exceeding 1% of the budget must have the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved by Council after the required public process

Peter B. Stickley Foundation



The purpose of the Dr. Peter B. Stickley School Corporation is to provide an organization to celebrate, study and encounter the heritage and history of the old Stephens City School for which Dr. Peter B. Stickley originally donated the underlying property; to provide an educational experience for residents and nonresidents alike as to the rich history of the School; to facilitate the renovation, repair and restoration of the School for both historical preservation purposes and adaptive reuse of the facility; to promote charitable contributions for use in the repair, renovation and restoration of the School and to provide for structured facilities use and management for public purposes of the property.

You can make a significant impact on the community by protecting this area landmark with your *tax-deductible* donation. Please mail to:

Dr. Peter B. Stickley Corporation
P.O. Box 544
Stephens City, VA 22655

Dr. Peter B. Stickley Foundation meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Members

Billy M. Ewing

Ray Ewing

Linden A. Fravel, Jr.

Robert Carbaugh

Dudley Rinker

Betty Fawcett

Ruth Snapp

Betty Wymer

Robert Claytor

Stephens City Public Safety Page

Emergency call 911

Police department during normal business hours (540) 868-1012

When office is closed call Frederick County Sheriff's Department (703) 662-6162

Spring and Summer Safety Tips

With the warmer weather here, residents should be aware of the following safety concerns.

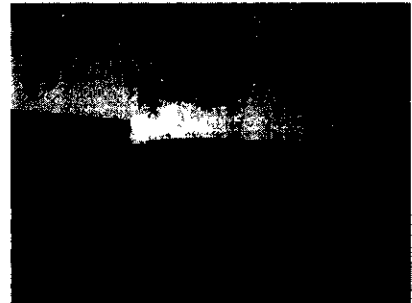
1. Watch for children playing and bicycling. Children should wear helmets while biking, skating, and riding scooters.
2. Make sure your home playground is safe by having a safe surface such as 9 inches of wood chips or mulch.
3. Please keep children safe and away from outdoor grills.
4. While mowing your yard, please keep children away from the mower. Never allow children to ride on the mower with you.
5. Swimming is a favorite past time during the summer. Children should never be left unsupervised around the water. The use of flotation devices should not replace adult supervision.

Schools for Town of Stephens City Residents

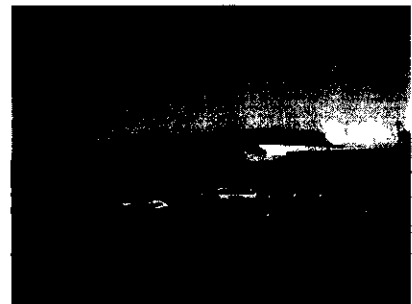
Middletown Elementary School
190 Mustang Lane
Middletown, Virginia 22645
Principal - Glenn Moreland
Nickname - Mustangs



Robert E. Aylor Middle School
901 Aylor Road
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)869-0060
Principal - Donald Williams
Nickname - Spartans



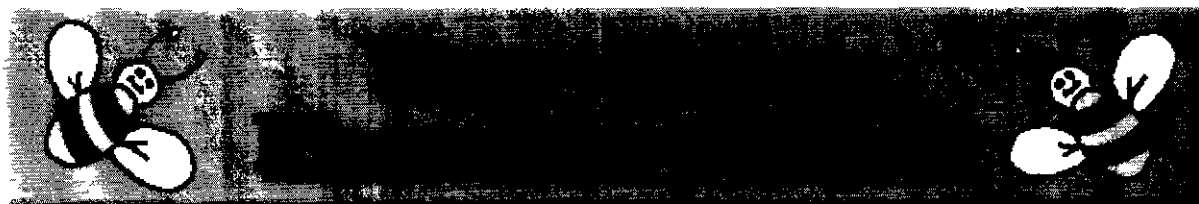
Sherando High School
185 South Warrior Drive
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)869-0060
Principal - John Nelson
Nickname - Warriors



Preschools in the Town of Stephens City

Carousel Preschool
5029 Main Street
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)869-7938

Stephens City United Methodist Preschool
5291 Main Street
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)869-1368



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Staff



PTO



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**471 Aylor Road
Stephens City, VA 22688
(840) 869-4700
FAX (840) 869-0668
Mrs. Angela White
Principal
Mrs. Gay Yowell
Assistant Principal**

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Churches in Stephens City

Stephens City United Methodist Church
5291 Main Street
Stephens City, VA 22655
(540) 869-2348



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
810 West Fairfax Street
Post Office Box 1087
Stephens City, VA 22655
(540) 869-4019



Glorious Church of God in Christ
5488 Main Street
Stephens City, VA 22655
(540) 869-8060

Abundant Life Christian Center Assembly of God
700 Aylor Road
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)869-7442

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church
4669 Valley Pike
Post Office Box 1360
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)869-4600

Lighthouse Full Gospel Church
5263 Main Street
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)868-2348

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
130 Keating Drive
Winchester, Virginia 22601
(540)662-5858

Stephens City Mennonite Church
540 Valley Pike
Stephens City, Virginia 22655
(540)869-7442

TAXES

Real Estate Taxes

If you own property in Stephens City, you must pay real estate taxes to the Town of Stephens City and the County of Frederick. The real estate rate for Stephens City is \$.075 per \$100.00 valuation and Frederick County's rate is \$.59 per \$100.00 valuation.

Personal Property Taxes

Personal property taxes are also due to each jurisdiction. Stephens City's tax rate is \$1.00 per \$100.00 valuation and Frederick County's Tax rate is \$4.20 per \$100.00 valuation. You only pay personal property tax on vehicles and equipment owned on January 1 of each year.

- Regular personal property tax rate = \$1. per \$100.
- Business equipment tax rate = \$1. per \$100.
- Machinery and tools tax rate = \$.50 per \$100.

Each jurisdiction bills separately. The Town of Stephens City's taxes are due on December 5 and are billed only once per year, while the County will bill twice.

Vehicle Decals

Vehicle decals are prorated quarterly

- \$20. Car, truck, bus
- \$10. Motorcycle
- \$10. Trailer
- \$1. Transfer

Other Taxes

- Meals tax rate = 4%
- Lodging tax rate = 5%

WATER AND SEWER BILLING

Water and sewer service is based on a bimonthly (60 day) billing period (December, February, April, June, August, October).

Payment is due within 33 days without a penalty being imposed.

There are seven (7) days to pay the penalty with the ten (10) percent penalty added to the delinquent bill. After forty (40) days water and sewer service may be disconnected for nonpayment. The Town will not reconnect water service until the bill is paid in its entirety, nor after business hours. Partial payments of water and sewer bills are accepted, as long as the bill is paid in full by the cut-off date.

Frozen Water Lines and Meters

If you experience a frozen water line or meter after the town office has closed or on weekends, please contact the Stephens City Police Department at **868-1012** or the Frederick County Sheriff's Department at **662-6162** and the Stephens City personnel will be notified.

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540-869-6500

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540-869-0909

165 Town Run Ln
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Hudspath, Duane DC - Stephens City Chiropractic
(540) 869-3034

5436 Main St
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Maben, Carol DVM - Stephens City Animal Hospital
(540) 869-2100

101 Highlander Rd
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Mandel, Max DVM - Stephens City Animal Hospital
(540) 869-2100

101 Highlander Rd
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Stephens City Barber Shop
(540) 869-4633

5361 Main St
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Stephens City Mennonite Church
(540) 869-5037

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(540) 869-1368

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Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

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(540) 869-4692

357 Fairfax Pike
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Stephens City Outlet Store


5307 Main St


(540) 869-5736**Stephens City, VA Map****Stephens City Pawn Shop
(540) 869-5500****5445 Main St # 3
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Agriculture & Consumer Svc
(540) 869-7522

353 Tasker Rd
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Apple Country Head Start
(540) 868-0400

5506 Main St
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Frederick County Community Ctr
(540) 869-5988

185 Warrior Dr
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Frederick County Sanitary Auth
(540) 868-1061

315 Tasker Rd
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Frederick County Water & Sewer
(540) 868-1061

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Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

James H Diehl Water Filtration
(540) 869-4724

5100 Passage Rd
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Lord Fairfax Soil & Water
(540) 868-1130

130 Carriebrooke Dr
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Natural Resource Conservation
(540) 868-1130

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(540) 869-3087

1033 Locust St
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

Transportation Dept-Stephens
(540) 869-1100

301 Fairfax Pike
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

US Consolidated Farm Svc Agcy
(540) 868-1130

130 Carriebrooke Dr
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)

US Rural Development
(540) 868-1130

130 Carriebrooke Dr
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US Veterans Affairs Dept
(540) 869-0600

Veterans Affairs Clinic
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Abundant Life Christian Ctr
(540) 869-7442**700 Aylor Rd**
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(540) 869-6070 [Web Site](#)**345 Macedonia Church Rd**
Stephens City, VA [Map](#)**American Protestants For Truth**
(540) 868-0630**Stephens City, VA** [Map](#)**Fairview United Methodist Chr**
(540) 869-5156**968 Double Church Rd**
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(540) 869-0497**635 Double Church Rd**
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(540) 866-0704**100 Frederick Rd**
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(540) 869-2348

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(540) 869-4019

810 Fairfax St
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Unitarian Universalist Church
(540) 869-6965

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(540) 869-7112

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa Balzer, hereby certify that on this twenty-first day of January, 2004, a copy of the foregoing "Opposition to Petition for Reconsideration" was sent via first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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